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1. THIS IS FIRST IN SERIES OF TELEGRAMS IN WHICH WE WILL COMMENT ON AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U. S. POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR 29 TH SESSION. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AND, HOPEFULLY, RESOLVED, NOT ALL OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED OR ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN THE ANNOTATED AGENDA CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

2. THE 29 TH SESSION WILL HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF THE INITIAL APPEARANCE OF A PRC DELEGATION AND THE PROSPECT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRC IN ACTIVITIES OF ECAFE. THIS ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO ECAFE PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE NOT HERTOFORE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR EFFECT ON OR APPLICABILITY TO THE CHINA MAIN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAND NOR PRC SENSIBILITIES. THESE FACTORS WILL NOW NEED TO BE KEPT IN MIND IN FORMULATING U. S. POSITIONS.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3- SECRETARIAT WILL PROPOSE SOME AMENDMENTS;
ITEM 4 WILL ALSO COVER SO- CALLED PLAN HARMONIZATION AMONG MEKONG COUNTRIES, BY WHICH IS MEANT EXPANSION OF MEKONG COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES
INTO GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (SEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER SEMINAR- E/ CN.11/ L.344); ITEM 5- ADD UK REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLAND COLONY; ITEMS 7 AND 8 WILL BE REVERSED TO PERMIT ADB PRESIDENT INOUE TO REPORT ON THE FRIEDMAN STUDY BEFORE THE
FUTURE COURSE OF AIEDP COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION; ITEM 12- DELETE SUB- PARA III (MEETING WAS NOT HELD); ITEM 15- SUB- ITEM (B) WILL AVE TWO PARTS, THE FIRST BEING THE QUESTIONS NOW LISTED IN THE AGENDA, AND THE SECOND THE QUESTION OF OBSERVANCE OF THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION. SECRETARIAT HAS NOT SPECIFIED WHAT IS INTENDED, BUT WE HOPE TO GET ANSWER AT PERMREPS MEETING ON MARCH 19. WE HAVE NO OTHER AMENDMENTS TO SUGGEST, BUT USDEL SHOULD BE
ALERT TO POSSIBLE MOVE TO REFER ALL ITEMS BEGINNING WITH 12 TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE; THIS WOULD PUT DISCUSSION OF MEKONG COMMITTEE REPORT (ITEM 13) INTO COMMITTEE, WHICH WE CONSIDER INAPPROPRIATE.

4. USDEL SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ENDORSE OR, IF NECESSARY, MAKE SUGGESTIONS THAT DELEGATESEXCHANGE VIEWS AND OPINIONS IN PLENARY SESSION
RATHER THAN READ AND MUTELY ACCEPT PREPARED STATEMENTS, LEAVING DIS-
CUSSION AND DEBATE TO JUNIOR DELEGATION MEMBERS IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE

5. AGENDA ITEM 4- US STATEMENT SHOULD COVER (A) STATE OF U. S. ECONOMY
(B) COMMENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ECAFE REGION, (C) AND COMMENT
ON ECONOMIC SURVEY. THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO NEED TO MAKE SPECIAL MENTION OF PRC PARTICIPATION, U NYUN RETIREMENT AND POST- WAR RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA. LATTER THREE SUBJECTS ARE NOT SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR IN AGENDA, BUT WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE MENTIONED AND DISCUSSED.

6. WITH REGARD TO POINTS (A) AND (B) WE MUST EXPECT COMPLAINTS FROM REGIONAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (RDS) THAT DOLLAR DEVALUATION

HAS RESULTED IN LOSS OF RESERVES, INFLATION IN COUNTRIES REMAINING
WITH DOLLAR AND IMPAIRED EXPORTS TO U. S. IN OTHERS. USDEL STATEMENT
WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO MAKE CASE FOR DOLLAR DEVALUATION AND EXPLAIN
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U. S. POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM. USEFUL ASSIST MAY BE
FOUND IN CHAPTER " X" OF ECONOMIC SURVEY WHICH CONTAINS AN OBJECTIVE
DISCUSSION OF EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE ALIGNMENTS, AS WELL AS A
REVALING CATALOG (ON PAGES 179-181) OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN
TRADE
WITH CENTRALLY- PLANNEE ECONOMIES THIS MAY PROVIDE USEFUL
REJOINDER
(UNDER ITEM 9) TO PROBABLE SOVIET CHARGES THAT DISORDER IN CAPITAL-
IST MONEY MARKETS HAS HAD ADVERSE EFFECT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' S
TRADE.

7. THE ECONOMIC SURVEY, 1972 IS IN OUR VIEW A DISAPPOINTMENT IN
COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR' S BETTER THAN AVERAGE PRODUCT. ASIDE
FROM
SOME STARTLING ASSERTIONS IN THE SUMMARY WHICH ARE NOT SUPPORTED
BY
THE FULL TEXT OR OTHER EVIDENCE, THE SURVEY IS A PEDESTRIAN PRO-
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